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SUBJECT:PRESS SUMMARY, MAY 19

1. WP (PAGE 1) MAY 18 HEADLINE "SOVIET EFFORT ON MIDEAST AT IMPASSE" BY PETER OSNOS REPORTS THAT RECENT SOVIET EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A FIRM BASIS FOR RESUMPTION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE HAVE APPARENTLY ENDED IN FAILURE REDUCING CHANCES THAT FORUM MAY GET UNDER WAY IN NEAR FUTURE.
2. NYT (PAGE 16) MAY 18 HEADLINE "U.S. EASES POLICY ON BALTIC STATES -- CONSUL IN LENINGRAD SPURS CONTACTS IN AREA" BY JAMES CLARITY (USINFO IS SENDING TEXT)
3. WP (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "U.S.-SOVIETS TO FOCUS ON ARMS LIMITS" BY MURREY MARDER DATELINE VIENNA. DOMINANT SUBJECTS OF TALK ARE SALT AND MIDDLE EAST. U.S. NOW DESCRIBED AS UNCLASSIFIED

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PREPARED TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE COMPROMISE ON KEY ISSUE OF HOW TO VERIFY CEILING FIGURES ON STRATEGIC NUCLEAR DELIVERY SYSTEMS: MIDDLE EAST EXPECTED TO BE PRIME TOPIC OF TALKS WITH SOVIETS PRESSING U.S. ON INTENTIONS AND U.S. PLANNING

TO REPLY THAT IT CANNOT GIVE ANSWER UNTIL AFTER SADAT AND RABIN TALKS.

4. WP (PAGE 22) JOSEPH ALSOP COLUMN HEADLINED "ANOTHER HITLER TIME?" ASSERTS SOVIETS WILL PROBE ANY AMERICAN WEAKNESS AND THERE ARE SIGNS U.S. SUFFERS FROM SAME KIND OF MORAL DISARMAMENT AS BRITAIN AND FRANCE DID IN 1930'S. THERE IS DANGER DESPITE FACT SOVIETS HAVE NO GRAND OBSESSIVE HITLERIAN PLAN OF CONQUEST.

5. WSJ EDITORIAL ENTITLED "THE SALT DEADLOCK" STATES GENEVA TALKS ARE DEADLOCKED BECAUSE SOVIETS HAVE TAKEN TOTALLY INTRANSIGENT POSITION, INSISTING ON SETTling EACH TECHNICAL ISSUE TO THEIR ADVANTAGE.

6. SUN (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "KISSINGER-GROMYKO MEET TODAY ON DETENTE" BY MICHAEL PARKS NAMES PRINCIPAL TOPICS AS SALT, CSCE, MIDDLE EAST AND PREPARATIONS FOR DELAYED SUMMIT MEETING. ALSO ON AGENDA IS EACH COUNTRY'S CONCEPT OF EAST-WEST DETENTE.

7. SUN (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "RUSSIA FEARS CHINA IS STEALING ITS FRIENDS" DATELINE MOSCOW. MOSCOW APPEARS CONCERNED THAT CHINA IS OUTFLANKING USSR IN NEW DIPLOMATIC MOVES, INCLUDING VISIT OF CHINESE DEPUTY PREMIER TENG-HSIAO-PING IN PARIS, VISIT OF JAPANESE SOCIALIST DELEGATION AND AFRICAN AND ASIAN LEADERS IN PEKING, AND CHINESE INITIATIVES IN MEXICO, PAKISTAN, IRAN, TUNISIA, AND BELGRADE. REFERS TO PRAVDA COMMENTARY ON VISIT OF JAPANESE SOCIALISTS AND TO AN IZVESTIA WEEKEND COMMENTARY ON CHINA. INGERSOLL

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